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1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language

_____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	_____	YES
	Claims	1-7	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
<p>Document 1: "Installation of LDPC Codes for Quantum Cryptography, and Evaluation (in Japanese)," (Yu-ichi Ishizuka et al.), 27 January, 2004 (27.01.04)</p> <p>Document 2: "LDPC Coded Hybrid Type II ARQ System," (W. Matsumoto et al.), 15-18 December, 2003</p> <p>Document 3: "Irregular Low-Density Parity-Check Code Design Based on Euclidean Geometries," (W. Matsumoto et al.), July 2003</p> <p>Claims 1, 6 and 7</p> <p>Document 1 describes a quantum key distribution method, in which the transmitting party prepares error correction information from a parity check matrix and transmission data and sends it, while the receiving party uses the same parity check matrix and the said error correction information, for correcting the errors of the said transmission data and partially abandons the transmission data in response to published information quantity, producing a cipher key from the remaining information.</p> <p>Document 2 describes that (1) a parity check matrix corresponding to a low encoding rate is formed to include a parity check matrix corresponding to a higher encoding rate, and (2) in the case where error correction could not be made, a parity check matrix corresponding to a lower encoding rate is used (see page 274, left column, line 1 to page 275, left column, line 19, and Figs. 1 and 2).</p> <p>A person skilled in the art could have easily used the technique described in document 2 for carrying out error correction in the quantum key distribution method described in document 1.</p> <p>Claims 2-5</p> <p>Document 3 describes that while short cycles are removed, Gaussian approximation is used to optimize the weight distribution, for producing a parity check matrix (see page 1826, left column, line 1 to page 1830, right column, line 25).</p> <p>A person skilled in the art could have easily used the techniques described in documents 2 and 3 in the invention described in document 1, to arrive at the subject matters of claims 2-5.</p>			